

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Natural Selections

2012 Summer Camps!



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Summer Camp Registration Dates

Mail-in Only: Postmarked on or after February 28, 2012

Walk-in / Fax-in: Begins March 27, 2012

Registrations postmarked prior to February 28, 2012 will be processed at the end of the mail postmarked for February 28, 2012.

Hand deliveries or faxes will not be accepted during mail-in registration.

You may register for a maximum of 3 camp sessions.

Dear Austin Families,

Welcome to the Austin Nature & Science Center. We are gearing up for another exciting summer of camps. We can't wait to share our knowledge of the environment with young people and ignite their interest and curiosity in the natural world. As our campers grow, we imagine that these experiences will enhance their lives and help them be good stewards of the earth. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and making new friends this summer!

Sincerely,
ANSC Staff

Frequently Asked Questions About Camp Registration!

1.) I am registering multiple children for camp and I'd like them to attend camp during the same weeks. How can I ensure that this happens?

First, mail the registration forms in the same envelope. Secondly, attach a note outlining your needs and staff will do all they can to accommodate your wishes. However, some camps fill faster than others. For example, space may be available in a camp for 11-12 year olds but not for 7-8 year olds. We assume you would like your older child registered even if there is not a space available for the younger child unless specified otherwise.

2.) I'm trying to register a child for Tadpole AM Camp but it's full; how can I enroll my child in camp?

Consider signing up for Tadpole Afternoons. Please indicate whether or not you would like your child placed in the afternoon camps and/or on the waiting list. Willingness to attend afternoon camps greatly increases the chance of enrollment for Tadpole Camp.

3.) I tried to register my child for three camps but was only able to enroll in two and now I am waiting on a refund. Why is it taking so long?

When paying by check it takes 4-6 weeks to issue a refund check for the difference. Using a credit card makes it easier to ensure that you are only charged for the camps in which registration was successful. When paying by check, send individual checks for each camp, therefore any unused checks may be mailed back to you immediately.

CAMP PHOTOS

Now Available
Online - \$5

See Parent's Guide to Camp
for more details!!!

T-Shirts

\$12

Purchase at
the ANSC
Front Desk
during regular
business hours.

Sizes Limited!



Explorer Camps (Ages 9-14)

These camps are perfect for older campers who are excited about the outdoors and science! Each session explores a new topic and focuses closely on learning new skills. Read each description carefully for details about topics and activities. A **Parent's Guide to Camp** booklet with more information and map along with a confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon registration for camp.

Age: 9-14 years old	Field Trips: Varies based on themes, destinations may change
Fee: \$180, \$200, \$225, \$350, \$400	Some sessions include an overnight campout at a nearby park
Time: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM One and two week sessions	Bring: A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day
Sign-in/Sign-out: Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered
Location: Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit	Wear: Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp
Ratio: Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor	Swim: Barton Springs, 2-4 PM; Monday-Wednesday and Friday Thursday's swim location varies

EXPLORER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

NATURE TRACKERS  **NEW!** Ages: 12-14 Fee: \$400

2 WEEK CAMP

Hike the wilds of Austin and delve into the science of animal tracking. Find foot prints, hair droppings, scat and interpret the evidence left behind. Look for nocturnal creatures during the overnight campout at Canyon of the Eagles.

HIKING THE HILL COUNTRY Ages: 9 -11 Fee: \$200

Come spend the week hiking some of the best trails in the hill country. Learn how to load your trail pack, read a map, and navigate with GPS and compass. Field trips to Pedernales Falls State Park and Hamilton Pool Preserve.

WATER WAYS Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$200

Explore the diverse bodies of water in Central Texas. Kayak on Lady Bird Lake, snorkel in the San Marcos River, hike Westcave Preserve, and swim in the cool waters of Hamilton Pool.

ADVENTURES IN ARCHEOLOGY * Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$180

NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.

Camp meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

How do archeologists unearth information about ancient people? Who populated Central Texas before modern man? Journey back through time as you make your own arrowhead and visit UT Archeology Lab.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$350

2 WEEK CAMP

Have you ever wanted to capture the beauty of a butterfly or the grandeur of the sunset on camera? Campers bring a digital camera or can be provided with disposable cameras to practice taking pictures of natural wonders big and small. Each photographer chooses two photos to be displayed at the Sheffield Education Center.

WAYFINDING Ages: 10-12 Fee: \$200

Be a part of a navigational team finding its bearings in the wilds of Central Texas. Begin with ancient orienteering techniques and work your way from stars, to map and compass, to GPS. Field trips to Reimer's Ranch and other local parks.

WILDERNESS WISE  Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$225

Brush up on wilderness practices with an in-depth dive into the seven principles of Leave No Trace. Campsite set-up, fire building, and food disposal are only a few of the topics covered in this exciting camp! Overnight campout at Pedernales Falls State Park.

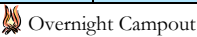
CAVES AND AQUIFERS Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$200

Limestone, caves, and water; Oh My! Check out how water changes the landscape above ground then, tunnel under Austin to discover the inner-workings of the aquifer system. The perfect mix of adventure and science. Campers are instructed on safe cave travel by expert guides and all equipment is provided.



DATES	THEME / CODE	AGE	COST
June 4-15	Nature Trackers/ 7100.001	12-14	\$400
June 18-22	Hiking the Hill Country/ 7100.002	9-11	\$200
June 25-29	Water Ways / 7100.003	11-13	\$200
July 2-6*	Adventures in Archeology / 7100.004	9-11	\$180
July 9-20	Nature Photography / 7100.005	11-13	\$350
July 23-27	Wayfinding / 7100.006	10-12	\$200
July 30– August 3	Wilderness Wise / 7100.007	11-13	\$225
August 6-10	Caves and Aquifers / 7100.08	9-11	\$200

* This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is listed.



Specialty Camps (Ages 8-13)

Delve a little deeper into outdoor nature adventures during extra special camps! Read each description carefully for details about topics and activities. A **Parent's Guide to Camp** booklet with more information and map along with a confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon registration for camp. **All Specialty Camps meet TUESDAY -FRIDAY from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.**

Age: 8-13 years old	Field Trips: Varies based on themes, destinations may change
Fee: \$190, \$235, \$280	Some sessions include an overnight campout at a nearby park
Time: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Bring: A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day
One week sessions	A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered
Sign-in/Sign-out: Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Wear: Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp
Location: Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit	Swim: Barton Springs, 2-4 PM; Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday
Ratio: Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor	Thursday's swim location varies

SPECIALTY CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

MOUNTAIN BIKING MADNESS Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$235

Explore trails in McKinney Falls State Park and Reimer's Ranch from the seat of a bike. Bikes and helmets are provided or campers may bring their own. Safety is priority and some biking experience is required.

AWESOME ASTRONOMY Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$235

Leave behind the world you know to travel among the stars. From the inflatable planetarium to solar system modeling, from star maps to telescopes, this week will send you into orbit! Campout and star party at Canyon of the Eagles Nature Park.

CAVES AND LIFE UNDERGROUND Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$190

Your introduction to the wonder of caving! Step into another world by safely exploring caves, learning about cave formation, and meeting creatures that never see the sun. Crawl through several wild caves in Austin and journey into Inner Space Caverns. Caving equipment is provided.

YOUTH CLIMBING Ages: 10-12 Fee: \$235

Find yourself perched on limestone cliffs high above while exploring climbing spots in the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Learn basic techniques and practice your skills at Reimer's Ranch. All equipment provided.

WASTE WARRIORS Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$235

NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.

Camp meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Are you passionate about recycling and conservation? Become a waste warrior. Discover how a few simple habits can have a big impact on the world. Bike trails and kayak Lady Bird Lake while learning Leave No Trace Ethics. Put skills to work during a campout at Emma Long Metropolitan Park.

ADVANCED CAVING Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$280
Calling all cavers! If you have previously ventured into a cave, join us! Hit Austin's premier wild caves, make a cave map, gain safety and rescue instruction and descend into a pit cave. Camp out at Ink's Lake and head to Longhorn Caverns for a special wild cave tour.

ART + SCAVENGER MADNESS Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$190
Young artists create beautiful environmental art using found materials scavenged from the surroundings. Imaginative adventurers set-up a geocache and use GPS to plot the coordinates of their handiwork on a map so others may visit the outdoor gallery.

PALEO EXPLORERS Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$235
Put on your paleontologist hat and travel with us to uncover evidence of life long ago. Let's hunt at prime fossil spots around Austin and head to Bamberger Ranch for an overnight campout and explore dino tracks in the Blanco River.

CANOE CRAZE Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$190
Gain basic canoeing skills on Lady Bird Lake before venturing out into Central Texas water ways. Perfect your stroke while paddling with our expert guides. Equipment and life preservers provided. Safety is priority, campers attending must be able to swim.

ANIMAL LOVERS Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$190
Do you love animals and want to get to know the ANSC resident wildlife up close? Explore how animals are cared for in captivity and visit with wildlife experts. Field trip to the Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch.

CLIMB TIME: ABOVE & BELOW Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$235
Let ANSC turn your world from horizontal to vertical. You will spend your week cutting your teeth on the limestone faces of Central Texas as you ascend the cliffs of the Barton Creek Greenbelt. We take our vertical quest underground to explore two local caving systems. Climbing and caving equipment is provided.

DATES	THEME / CODE	AGE	COST
June 5-8	Mountain Biking Madness / 7200.001	11-13	\$235
June 12-15	Awesome Astronomy / 7200.002	9-11	\$235
June 19-22	Caves & Life Underground / 7200.003	8-10	\$190
June 26-29	Youth Climbing / 7200.004	10-12	\$235
July 2-6*	Waste Warriors / 7200.005	8-10	\$235
July 10-13	Advanced Caving / 7200.006	11-13	\$280
July 17-20	Art + Scavenger Madness / 7200.007	8-10	\$190
July 24-27	Paleo Explorers / 7200.008	9-11	\$235
July 31- August 3	Canoe Craze / 7200.009	11-13	\$190
August 7-10	Animal Lovers / 7200.010	8-10	\$190
August 14-17	Climb Time: Above & Below / 7200.011	11-13	\$235



Adventure Camps (Ages 9-12)

Adventure camp is just what it sounds like – a camp full of exciting outdoor adventures! Activities may include fishing, rock climbing, canoeing, outdoor skills, mountain biking, and caving. A **Parent’s Guide to Camp** booklet with more information and map along with a confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon registration for camp.

Age: 9-12 years old	Field Trips: Varies based on themes, destinations may change
Fee: \$155, \$175, \$350	Some sessions include an overnight campout at a nearby park
Time: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Bring: A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day
One and two week sessions	A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered
Sign-in/Sign-out: Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Wear: Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp
Location: Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit	Swim: Barton Springs, 2-4 PM; Monday-Wednesday and Friday
Ratio: Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor	Thursday’s swim location varies

ADVENTURE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

Where the Wild Things Are Fee: \$175

Come explore interesting creatures and places; we are taking YOU to THEM! Let’s search in the wilds of Westcave Preserve, Exotic Zoo Resort, and Whirlpool cave. You never know what we will find!

GEOLOGY GENIUS **NEW!** Fee: \$175

Join the quest to unearth the secrets of Central Texas’ past. Campers examine minerals, rocks and fossils while learning about the forces which created Austin’s foundation. While hiking at Canyon Lake Gorge amateur geologists will build their own rock collection.

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS Fee: \$350

2 WEEK CAMP
Outdoor exploration is the name of the game during this two week whirlwind of activities. Campers, gear up for mountain biking, caving and hiking. Practice camping skills in preparation for an overnight campout. Adventure I campout at McKinney Falls State Park. Adventure II campout at Lockhart State Park.

CLIFFHANGER* Fee: \$155

NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.
Camp meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

This camp is more than rock climbing! Explore rocks like never before while climbing on the Barton Creek greenbelt, searching for fossils in Shoal Creek and spelunking in Whirlpool cave.

WATER WORKS * Fee: \$155 & \$175

NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.
Camp meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Discover unique characteristics of water while collecting aquatic critters and conducting simple chemical tests of water quality. Investigate aquatic life using a microscope to identify and classify organisms. Campers go canoeing and visit Aquarena Center in San Marcos.

WORLD OF WILDLIFE Fee: \$175

Get to know ANSC resident wildlife and what’s going on “behind the scenes”. Check out the difference between wild and domestic animals and look for signs of animals in nature. Enjoy presentations by local experts and field trips to Capital of Texas Zoo and Exotic Resort Zoo.

BLAST FROM THE PAST Fee: \$175

Experience how archeologists and paleontologists study the present to learn about the past. Learn ancient hunting techniques like archery, fishing and animal tracking. Dig for fossils, record important information, and prepare specimens for transport to the lab where identification and research occur. Field trips to Old Settlers Park for a day of fishing.

SCIENCE SPECTACULAR Fee: \$175

Explore the natural world through physical science experiences. Uncover facts about acids and bases, experience the physics of biking and kayaking, and experiment with the chemistry of freezing ice cream.

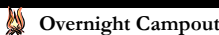
AUSTIN FAVORITES Fee: \$175

Cool off in Barton Springs pool, bike Town Lake trail, tunnel through a cool wild cave, hike the greenbelt along Barton Creek, and scramble up Mt. Bonnell. Join us for a week of exploring up some of the favorite outdoor spots in Austin. Field trips to Amy’s Ice Cream and Hamilton Pool.



ADVENTURE I* (Ages 9-10)		ADVENTURE II (Ages 11-12)	
DATES	THEME/CODE	THEME/CODE	COST
June 4-8	Where the Wild Things Are / 7300.001	World Of Wildlife / 7400.001	\$175
June 11-15	Geology Genius / 7300.002	Blast From The Past / 7400.002	\$175
June 18-29	Outdoor Explorers / 7300.003	Outdoor Explorers / 7400.003	\$350
July 2-6*	Water Works / 7300.004	Cliffhanger / 7400.004	\$155* / \$175
July 9-13	World Of Wildlife / 7300.005	Water Works / 7400.005	\$175
July 16-20	Blast From The Past / 7300.006	Science Spectacular / 7400.006	\$175
July 23-27	Austin Favorites / 7300.007	World Of Wildlife / 7400.007	\$175
July 30-August 10	Outdoor Explorer / 7300.008	Outdoor Explorer / 7400.008	\$350
Aug. 13-17	World Of Wildlife / 7300.009		\$175

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Nature Camps (Ages 7-8)

Young nature enthusiasts spend the summer exploring the awesome natural world around them. Each week features a different nature or science theme in addition to hiking, games, experiments, crafts and other fun-filled activities. All sessions include weekly presentations of the planetarium and science programs. A **Parent's Guide to Camp** booklet with more information and map along with a confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon registration for camp.

Age: 7-8 years old	Field Trips: Varies based on themes, destinations may change
Fee: \$145, \$165, \$310	Typically scheduled between 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM
Time: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM	State law now requires children under 8 years old to ride in a booster seat
One and two week sessions	
Sign-in/Sign-out: ANSC exit at Barton Springs Road under Mopac Bridge	Bring: A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day
Location: ANSC Headquarters Building	A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered
Ratio: Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor	Wear: Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp
	Swim: Deep Eddy, 2-4 PM; Monday-Friday

NATURE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

AWESOME ANIMALS

Fee: \$310

2 WEEK CAMP

Discover special adaptations of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and arthropods. Meet resident wildlife up-close. Investigate skulls, furs, feathers and exoskeletons. Field trips to Crowe's Nest Farm and Capital of Texas Zoo.

DIGGING UP DINOSAURS

Fee: \$165

Dig for casts of dinosaur fossils in the "Dino Pit" exhibit, search for pre-historic oysters in a creek bed, and make a fossil. Field trip to the Texas Memorial Museum paleontology hall.

SPACE EXPLORERS

Fee: \$165

What is your favorite planet? What is the closest star to the earth? Learn the answers to questions about space, planets and stars. Observe a model of the night sky and constellations in the Star Lab inflatable planetarium. Field trip to Inner Space Caverns.

Nature Niche **NEW!**

Fee: \$145

NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.

Camp meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Learn how organisms create partnerships to survive. Discover how humans and nature forge unique symbiotic relationships that benefit both. Campers will develop a collaborative project to enhance their relationship to nature.

EARTH KEEPERS

Fee: \$165

Eco-minded campers learn to reduce, reuse and recycle. Practice water conservation and solar cooking skills. Field trip to a recycling facility.

NATURE BY DESIGN

Fee: \$165

Experience the beauty of Central Texas with hikes through the Zilker Preserve and visits to an ephemeral pond. Learn how nature is revealed through symmetry, texture and color. Environmental art comes alive as you create using nature's tools and inspiration. Visit to Umlauf Sculpture Garden.

WET WONDERFUL WATER

Fee: \$165

Discover different aquatic habitats including wetlands, ponds, oceans and the Edwards Aquifer. A search for aquatic life in the ANSC creek gives way to exploration of a pond habitat and a visit to Splash into the Edwards Aquifer exhibit. Field trip to Aquarena Center in San Marcos.



DATES	THEME /CODE	COST
June 4-15	Awesome Animals / 7500.001	\$310
June 18-22	Digging Up Dinosaurs / 7500.002	\$165
June 25-29	Space Explorers / 7500.003	\$165
July 2-6*	Nature Niche / 7500.004	\$145
July 9-13	Earth Keepers / 7500.005	\$165
July 16-20	Nature By Design / 7500.006	\$165
July 23-August 3	Awesome Animals / 7500.007	\$310
August 6-10	Digging Up Dinosaurs / 7500.008	\$165
Aug. 13-17	Wet Wonderful Water / 7500.009	\$165

* This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is



Discovery Camps (Ages 5-6)

Curiosity is rewarded at this camp! Each exciting theme includes hands-on discovery and nature study. Campers participate in outdoor exploration, crafts, experiments and games. Weekly planetarium and science programs offered each session. A **Parent's Guide to Camp** booklet with more information and map along with a confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon registration for camp.

Age: 5-6 years old	Field Trips: Tuesdays between 9:00 AM-1:30 PM
Fee: \$140, \$160	Varies based on themes, destinations may change
Time: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM	State law now requires children under 8 years old to ride in a booster seat
One week sessions	
Sign-in/Sign-out: In camper's assigned classroom	Bring: A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day
	A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered
Location: ANSC Visitor Pavilion and Headquarters Building	Wear: Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp
Check in at the picnic tables in front of the Trailhouse Building	Swim: Deep Eddy, 2-4 PM; Wednesday-Friday
on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Campers must be able to swim at beginner level
Ratio: Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor	

DISCOVERY CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

PLANET PROTECTORS **NEW!**

Fee: \$160

Protect the planet! Be a hero! Learn about the 3 Rs of conservation: reduce, recycle, reuse. Discover how taking a few simple steps can help reduce your carbon footprint on the planet. Visit the Zilker Botanical Gardens and learn how to start your own compost pile.

DINO-MITE

Fee: \$160

Junior paleontologists, it's time to unearth the hidden treasures of the "Dino Pit". Investigate fossils of prehistoric critters while experimenting with volcanoes, rocks and minerals.

WILD AND WOOLY

Fee: \$160

Discover what unique characteristics distinguish mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and insects from one another. See and touch some of our favorite critter friends when they visit your classroom. Field trip to Crowe's Nest Farm.



SIMPLY SCIENCE

Fee: \$160

Use science to gain knowledge of the world through observation and experimentation. Come experiment with liquids, solids and gases, study objects in motion, and more. Make goo and baking soda volcanoes then explore the physics of play at Mueller Park!

ITSY BITSY FRIENDS*

Fee: \$140

NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.

Camp meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Use magnifying lenses to investigate the natural world. Observe itsy-bitsy ants, grains of sand, and tiny tadpoles. Visit the Naturalist Workshop and use the microscopes.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Fee: \$160

Explore the universe in the inflatable "Star Lab" planetarium. Learn how the constellations and stars have guided travelers and told stories throughout history.

HOMES, HIDE-A-WAYS AND HABITATS

Fee: \$160

All creatures great and small have specific requirements for their home. Investigate diverse animal homes and bioregions around the world. Spy burrows, dens, hives and nests while hiking on the Zilker Preserve.

WATER WIGGLES

Fee: \$160

Splash in a puddle and dip your toes in the stream while learning about unique properties of water, its origin, and conservation tips. Collect critters that live in the water and use a video microscope to observe how they move through a wet world. Field trip to Butler Park.

DATES	THEME /CODE	COST
June 4-8	Planet Protectors / 7600.001	\$160
June 11-15	Dino-mite / 7600.002	\$160
June 18-22	Wild and Wooly / 7600.003	\$160
June 25-29	Simply Science / 7600.004	\$160
July 2-6*	Itsy Bitsy Friends / 7600.005	\$140
July 9-13	Out of this World / 7600.006	\$160
July 16-20	Homes, Hideaways, & Habitats / 7600.007	\$160
July 23-27	Simply Science / 7600.008	\$160
July 30-August 3	Dino-mite / 7600.009	\$160
August 6-10	Wild and Wooly / 7600.010	\$160
August 13-17	Water Wiggles / 7600.011	\$160

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Tadpole Camps - half day (Ages 4-6)

Young nature lovers engage in a week of hands-on discovery and nature study. Each session includes a different theme with fun, outdoor exploration, crafts, experiments and games. Weekly planetarium and science programs offered each session. These camps do not take off-site field trips or go swimming. A **Parent's Guide to Camp** booklet with more information and map along with a confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon registration for camp. Each camper must be four by the first day of his camp session.

Age: 4-6 years old	Field Trips: Campers will NOT participate in field trips that require travel in a vehicle
Participants must be potty trained to attend camp, no diapers or pull-ups please!	Campers may walk to sites in Zilker Park
Fee: \$105, \$125	State Licensing paperwork required at registration
Time: Morning Sessions: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-Noon	Bring: A snack and water bottle every day
Afternoon Sessions: Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00 PM	A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered
One week sessions	Wear: Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp
Sign-in/Sign-out: In camper's assigned classroom	Swim: NO SWIMMING
Location: Trailhouse Building	SPLASH DAY is on Friday, campers participate in supervised wading activities
Sign in at the picnic tables in front of the Trailhouse Building on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Please send swim clothes, water shoes, sunscreen and towel on Friday
Ratio: Maximum 8 campers/1 counselor	

TADPOLE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

DINOSAUR DETECTIVES

Fee: \$125

Grab your shovel and brush and discover what's buried in the "Dino Pit" exhibit. Uncover dinosaur fossils and other prehistoric critters while experimenting with volcanoes, rocks and minerals.

EXPERIMENT EXTRAVAGANZA **NEW!**

Fee: \$125

Join us for a basic, hands-on introduction to science. Experiment with liquids, solids and gases, study objects in motion and more. Focus on chemistry by concocting goo and building baking-soda volcanoes.

EARTH DAY EVERYDAY **NEW!**

Fee: \$125

Celebrate the beauty and bask in the wonderment of nature. Learn why it is important to care for this place you and many other creatures call home. Each day find a small way to help the planet and its inhabitants.

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE

Fee: \$125

Get a "behind the scenes" view of ANSC resident wildlife while discovering interesting characteristics of mammals, insects, birds, and reptiles.



HAVE TO HAVE A HABITAT

Fee: \$105

NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.

Camp meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Polar bears need cold weather and Texas alligator lizards need warm sun. Meet some of the ANSC resident critters and investigate their unique habitat needs. Discover variations in diverse bioregions around the world and study interesting animals and plants that live there.

ANIMAL SUPER HEROES **NEW!**

Fee: \$125

What does a glow in the dark fish, a jumping spider, and a speedy shrimp have in common? These animals have awesome adaptations that would make any super hero jealous. Learn how these unique abilities are necessary for the animal to thrive in its environment.

STAR STORIES

Fee: \$125

Crawl into the inflatable "StarLab" planetarium to search outer space for stars, planets, comets and moons. Hear stories about the constellations and legends from long ago.

WACKY WATER

Fee: \$125

Water is abundant and necessary! Journey to ANSC ponds for collection and observation of critters living in the water. Get your hands wet while experiencing unique properties of water. Check out how water moves through the world and learn tips for conservation.

TADPOLE CAMP	WEEKLY THEMES	AGES 4-5 Morning Session	AGES 4-5 Afternoon Session	AGES 5-6 Afternoon Session	
DATES	THEME	CODE	CODE	CODE	COST
June 4-8	Dinosaur Detectives	7700.001	7800.001	7900.001	\$125
June 11-15	Experiment Extravaganza	7700.002	7800.002	7900.002	\$125
June 18-22	Earth Day Everyday	7700.003	7800.003	7900.003	\$125
June 25-29	Wild About Wildlife	7700.004	7800.004	7900.004	\$125
July 2-6*	Have To Have A Habitat	7700.005	7800.005	7900.005	\$105
July 9-13	Animal Super Heroes	7700.006	7800.006	7900.006	\$125
July 16-20	Experiment Extravaganza	7700.007	7800.007	7900.007	\$125
July 23-27	Dinosaur Detectives	7700.008	7800.008	7900.008	\$125
July 30-August 3	Wild About Wildlife	7700.009	7800.009	7900.009	\$125
August 6-10	Star Stories	7700.010	7800.010	7900.010	\$125
August 13-17	Wacky Water	7700.011	7800.011	7900.011	\$125

*This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is listed.

Counselor in Training (Ages 13-17)

The Counselor in Training program (CIT) is an opportunity for teens to gain valuable leadership skills and have fun this summer. CIT training prepares teens to assist adult camp counselors in leading activities. The two day training equips CITs with the skills to become outstanding leaders by covering such topics as safety, child care, child development, games and songs. This popular program helps teenagers develop a sense of responsibility while increasing self-confidence. CITs will make new friends and see old camp pals. Participants must enjoy working with younger children and be willing to accept responsibility and leadership roles. Placement is determined by the Camp Director and the CIT Coordinator. A **Parent's Guide to Camp** booklet with more information and map along with a confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon registration for camp.

Age: 13-17 years old	Field Trips: Varies based on camp assignment
Fee: \$90, \$170 Fees include 2 days of training and 1-2 weeks of supervised volunteer work.	May include an overnight campout at a nearby park
Training: June 7 & 8 for sessions June 11 - July 13 July 12 & 13 for sessions July 16 - August 17	Bring: A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered
Time: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM One and two week sessions	Wear: Appropriate clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp
Training Sign-in/Sign-out: ANSC exit at Barton Springs Road under Mopac Bridge	Swim: Varies based on camp assignment
Sign-in/Sign-out Location: At assigned camp	Prerequisites: <u>MUST</u> attend training prior to volunteer session Must enjoy the outdoors and serving as a role model for younger children

DATES	SESSION /CODE	WEEKS/SESSION	COST
June 11-15	(CIT1) / 7010.001	1 week	\$90
June 18-29	(CIT2) / 7010.002	2 weeks	\$170
July 2-13*	(CIT3) / 7010.003	2 weeks	\$170
July 16-27	(CIT4) / 7010.004	2 weeks	\$170
July 30-August 10	(CIT5) / 7010.005	2 weeks	\$170
August 13-17	(CIT6) / 7010.006	1 week	\$90

* NO CAMP WEDNESDAY JULY 4TH.



Before & After Camp Care

Camp staff members supervise children needing to arrive early or stay late and provide them with board games, puzzles and nature videos. Campers may arrive after 7:15 AM and MUST be picked up by 6:00 PM.

Age: 4-17 years old	Fee: \$35 per week
Time: Morning Sessions: Monday-Friday 7:15 AM Afternoon Sessions: Monday-Friday 5:15-6:00 PM	
Drop-off/Pick-up: Cottonwood Room located in the ANSC Headquarters Building	
Pre-registration Required	
SPECIAL NOTE: Explorer, Specialty & Adventure campers in the Before/After Care will be at the Zilker Park Rock Garden picnic tables until 5:15 PM, then they will be transported to the ANSC Cottonwood Room to arrive at 5:30 PM. These children will be in transit between 5:15 - 5:30 PM. Please wait for them at the ANSC.	

DATES	CODES	COST
June 4-8	7011.001	\$35
June 11-15	7011.002	\$35
June 18-22	7011.003	\$35
June 25-29	7011.004	\$35
July 2-6*	7011.005	\$28
July 9-13	7011.006	\$35
July 16-20	7011.007	\$35
July 23-27	7011.008	\$35
July 30-August 3	7011.009	\$35
August 6-10	7011.010	\$35
August 13-17	7011.011	\$35

*This is a short week due to a holiday. The prorated fee is \$28.

Program Registration Instructions

1. Fill in participant information and site specific questions. One participant per registration form, make copies as needed. If you have more than one child, you will need to fill out more than one form.
2. **Signing up with a friend.** Fill in this section if your child wants to be in the same class with a friend. Some camps have multiple sections, ANSC will do our best to register friends in the same section. Make a notation on the form and mail forms for friends together. Requests not mailed together will not be honored. Children will not be moved to another section once camp has begun. You may sign up with only 1 friend.
3. Sign the form to acknowledge that you have read and understand our registration and refund policies.
4. Select camps and complete the table with the program name, 7 digit code, dates and class fee. Please ignore the deposit box as Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) does not enroll with deposits and all program fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.

Alternate choices-Due to limited space, the ANSC cannot always guarantee registration in the requested sessions. Please list alternative session choices. Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions. Please list your camps in order of preference. Due to popularity of programs, ANSC cannot guarantee everyone will be placed in their top choices. You may list as many camps as alternate choices as you would like.

5. Select a payment method and fill in appropriate billing information. If sending a check, it is the City of Austin policy that all checks are processed regardless of camp availability. For those not successfully registered in a camp a refund will be issued. It takes approximately 4 to 6 weeks to receive a refund. To avoid waiting for a refund, consider paying by credit card. Your card will only be charged for camps in which your child is enrolled. If the transaction on your credit card does not go through, you are not registered until you return our call and provide payment. Please call back right away so you do not lose your spot.
6. Complete the program waiver on the back of the registration form.

7. Mail-in registration/waiver forms **MUST** be postmarked on or after February 28, 2012. To avoid delay in processing of your registration, do not place registrations forms in the mail prior to February 28th. ***Registrations received with postmarks prior to February 28 will be processed at the end of the mail postmarked for February 28, 2012.***

Fax-in/Walk-in Registration begins March 27, 2012.

8. Confirmation is sent by mail upon receipt of program fees. Allow 3 weeks for confirmation for summer camp programs. A confirmation letter, ANSC medical waiver and a copy of "A Parent's Guide to Camp" booklet with map and important information about ANSC programs will be mailed to you. You may find copies of the ANSC medical waivers and "A Parent's Guide to Camp" online at www.austintexas.gov/ansc.

Fill out a separate ANSC medical waiver for each camp in which your child will be participating. Bring it with you when you drop off your child for the first day of each camp session. ANSC medical waivers cannot be used for more than one camp session.

Special Note: Locations and activities require campers to be outside during the camp day. The ANSC staff is trained to meet the challenges of facilitating dynamic outdoor activities during the summertime. Camps will take routine breaks inside or in the shade. Schedules are adjusted to limit exposure during the hottest part of the day. Please assist us in keeping your child safe by sending a large refillable water bottle and encouraging him to drink plenty of water throughout the day. ANSC staff request that campers apply sunscreen before arriving at camp. Throughout the day the staff will remind campers to refill water bottles and reapply sunscreen. Counselors encourage campers to advocate for themselves and urge participants to communicate their needs with the staff.

Be sure to read the ***Parents' Guide to Camp*** for more information on how to prepare your child to attend camp. Staff members are eager to answer your questions and assist you in creating a positive experience for your child.

Check out Fall, Winter and Spring programs at the Austin Nature & Science Center

**SAVE the DATE
Halloween Howl
Oct. 27, 2012**

ANSC offers School Holiday Camps, Birthday Parties, Family Fun Nights **and much more!!!**
Look for the new Natural Selections Brochure October 1st, 2012

www.austintexas.gov/ansc

Program Registration Information and Policies

Cancellation:

Program attendance is the responsibility of the participant. Failure to attend a class does not entitle a participant to a transfer, make-up, prorated or refund. Registrations cancelled in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the first day of class may be issued a refund, minus a \$35 processing fee per class. If the receipt amount is \$35 or less, no refund will be given. No refunds are issued for registrations that are cancelled without 2 weeks advanced notice in writing. You may email your cancellation to ansc@austintexas.gov. Registration fees are refundable in full only if the Austin Nature & Science Center cancelled the class.

Refunds:

Refunds are issued to the charging credit card, by check from the City of Austin (please allow 4 - 6 weeks for processing) or you may apply the credit to your account, which may be used by any immediate family member for any program offered at the Austin Nature & Science Center for up to one year. To avoid waiting for a refund consider paying by credit card or by issuing separate checks for each camp. All checks sent to ANSC must be processed. There is a \$25 cash fee on all returned checks.

Age Requirement:

Child must be within one month of the age range to participate in camp; four year olds must turn four on/or before the first day of the camp for which they are registered. Curriculum is designed for specific age groups and development levels. No exceptions.

Minimum Registration:

ANSC reserves the right to cancel any class that does not meet the minimum enrollment two days prior to the class date. If this occurs, a full refund will be given or the money can be put on credit toward other ANSC programs.

Transfers:

There is a \$10.00 fee to transfer a child from one camp session to another.



Tadpole Camp Additional Forms:

Tadpole campers require additional forms for camp registration. These forms are available online at the ANSC web site at www.austintexas.gov/ansc. Please fill out these forms and bring them with you the first day of camp.

Kids and Critters Club

Become a member of the wildest club in town! Members support the ANSC wildlife and exhibits by joining the club and making an annual donation. Members receive the following valuable benefits:

* Free use of Eco-Detective Kit * Email notifications of upcoming ANSC events * Early summer camp registration

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION *please print clearly* ☐ NEW MEMBER ☐ RENEWING MEMBER Today's Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Parent's (Guardian) Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ (to receive program information only)

Type of Membership (check one): ☐ Individual \$35 ☐ Family \$45 ☐ Donor \$60 ☐ Sponsor \$100

For Family Membership, please list additional family members

1. _____ 2. _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

To pay by check or money order, fill out the top portion of this form and return it with a check or money order made out to:

Austin Nature & Science Center
301 Nature Center Drive
Austin, TX 78746

To pay by credit card, fill out this additional information:

Card type: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Payment Information— Office Use Only

Amount Paid \$ _____

Date Received ____/____/____

Payment Type: CC ____ Cash ____

Check # _____ Initials _____

Memberships run January through December. Current memberships will be valid through December 31, 2012.

Participant's Name:

REGISTRATION FORM

Site Specific Questions

Are you or your spouse a City of Austin employee? {Yes } {No }

I would like my child to be placed in the same class as a friend:

You may sign-up with only one friend. Please mail the two children's forms together otherwise your request may not be honored.

I have read and agree to the refund policies cited on the Registration Information and Policies page.

Payer Signature:

Method of Payment (payment required at time of registration)

☐ Cash (please bring exact amount) ☐ Check (make payable to City of Austin-PARD) ☐ Credit Card (complete info below)

Credit Card Number:

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DISC Card Expiration Date: Card Verification Code:

Cardholder Signature:

Mailing Address and Billing Address Same? ☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, please provide that address)

Youth Program Only Parents may select the auto-payment plan, which authorizes our office to automatically charge your credit card on the program payment due date.

☐ Auto-Payment Authorization (today's date) ☐ Cancel Auto-Payment Authorization (today's date)

Registration Function Class / Camp / Activity Title	Times AM/PM?	Class Dates	Class Fee	Deposit	Office Use Only Amount Paid Today	Cash / Check Number / CC ID & Auth Receipt Number	Date/Time Staff Initials
Code	AM PM		\$	\$	\$		
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SWIM LESSONS/WATER FITNESS/ADULT SWIM TEAM (only complete for Aquatic Program Registration):

1st choice:	Session:	Pool:	Level:	Time:	Dates:	Fee:\$
2nd choice:	Session:	Pool:	Level:	Time:	Dates:	Fee:\$
3rd choice:	Session:	Pool:	Level:	Time:	Dates:	Fee:\$

REFUND POLICY: Refund policies are program specific. Please refer to the refund policy of the program that you are registering for.



AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION
Waiver/Registration Form
 Austin Nature and Science Center
 301 Nature Center Dr.
 Austin, Texas 78746
 Phone: 512-974-3888 Fax: 512-974-3885

Waiver Directions: Please complete waiver with an ink pen.
 Adult Participants should fully complete boxes **A, B & E**
 Guardians of Youth Participants should fully complete boxes **A, B, C, D & E**.
 Aquatic Participants should not complete box **D**.

2nd Guardian/Emergency Contact [Authorized to update waiver? {Yes } {No }]

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please Initial:

Authorized to Pick Up Child?	{Yes _____}	{No _____}
	{Yes _____}	{No _____}
	{Yes _____}	{No _____}
	{Yes _____}	{No _____}

Medical Care Information

1. Any known allergies to food/drugs, insect stings, poison ivy/other plants, etc.? {Yes _____} {No _____} Please Specify: _____
2. Any known existing illnesses? {Yes _____} {No _____} Please Specify: _____
3. Please list any physical condition that could restrict activities or have a need requiring special care in order to participate in program/activity. _____

For Youth and Children Only

Does Participant require prescription medication during program hours? Program must exceed 1 hour. (Yes _____) {No _____} **If yes, please complete a Medication Authorization form.**

Image Release Waiver

I hereby consent to allow usage of photographs and video taken during this program and at our sites for publicity purposes in printed materials, and on our website. Photographs remain the property of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. If you do not want to allow photos or videos, then please initial. {opt our? _____}

Accessibility Accommodation Request

The City of Austin is proud to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require assistance for participation in our programs or use of our facilities, please call 512.974.3910. Do you require accommodations? Yes _____ No _____. (Optional)

Standards of Care Notification

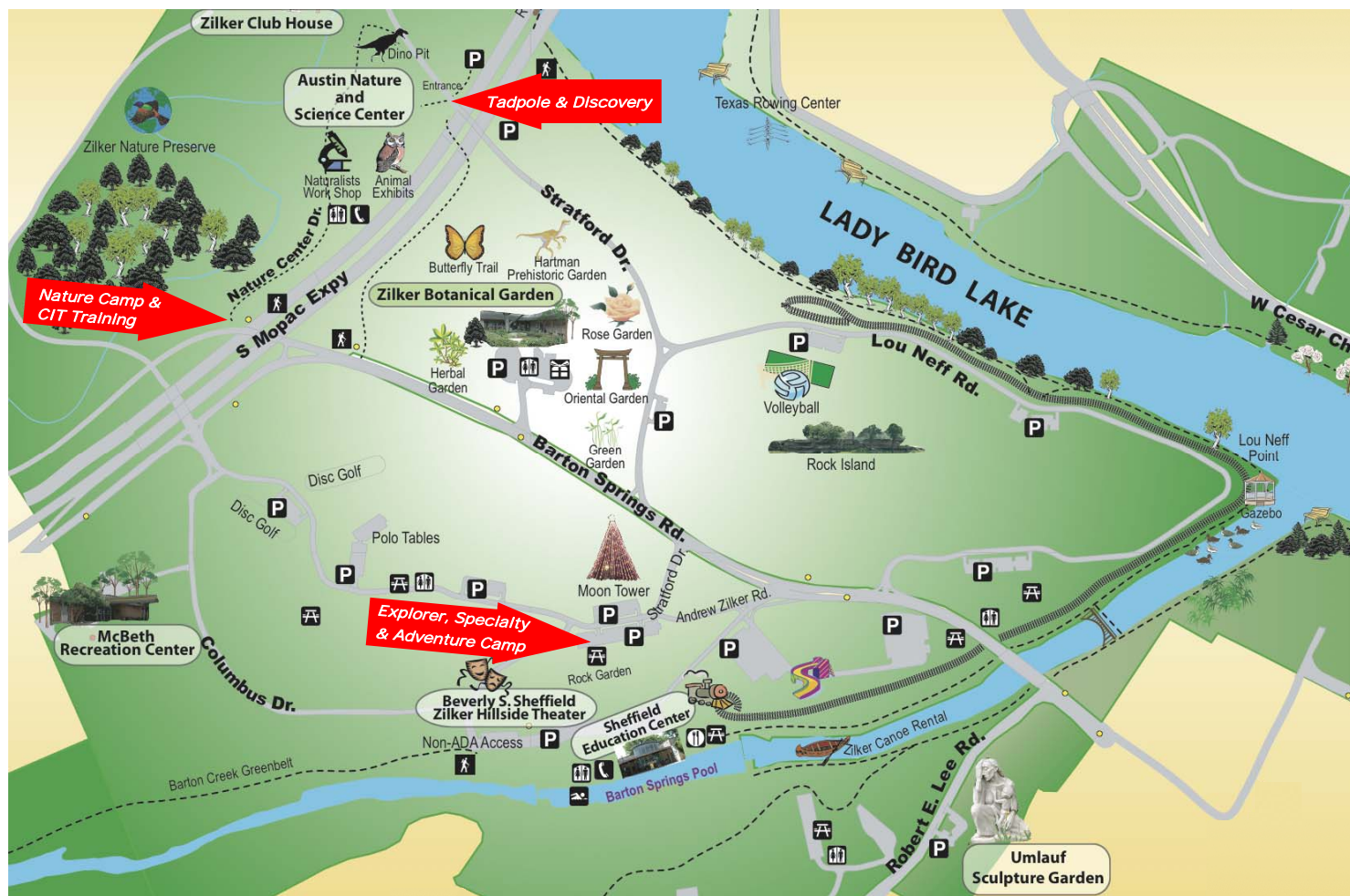
Children's programs/activities supervised by Parks and Recreation Department and requiring enrollment/registration in order to participate are not licensed by the state, but follow standards of care adopted in the City of Austin Ordinance No. 20110324-060. A copy is available and posted at each site.

Release of Liability

In consideration of participant being allowed to participate in the registered class(es) or program(s), the undersigned hereby releases the City, its employees and agents, from any action, claim or demand for personal injury or property loss arising from or due to any negligent act or omission of the City, its agents or employees. This release shall have no effect with regard to damages caused by the City's gross negligence. In the event the City or a volunteer provides transportation for the registered participant, this waiver and release shall extend to and release the City employee driver from any and all liability. Permission is given for any emergency medical treatment, operation or anesthesia which might become necessary. I agree to be responsible for the expense of medical treatment or service.

Signature: _____
Please Print Name: _____
Date: _____





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Parks & Recreation Department Mission Statement

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin Community.

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Persons with Disabilities - The City of Austin is committed to comply with the Americans with Disability Act. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the Austin Nature & Science Center programs. You may request special accommodations to facilitate your participation/inclusion in these programs. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. Call 974-3888.